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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION
PO BOX 1450
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313

Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 CFR 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

STENT FOR MAINTAINING PATENCY OF A BODY REGION

and invented by:

PFLUEGER

If a CONTINUATION APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☒ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: 10/624,915, filed July 22, 2003.

Enclosed are **Application Elements**:

- ☒ Filing Fee
- ☒ Specification having 31 page(s) and including the following:
 - ☒ Title of the Invention
 - ☒ Cross References to Related Applications (if applicable)
 - ☒ Background of the Invention
 - ☒ Brief Summary of the Invention
 - ☒ Description of the Drawings
 - ☒ Detailed Description
 - ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
 - ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☒ 14 Sheets of Drawings(s) (37 CFR 113) ☐ Formal ☒ Informal
- ☒ Oath or Declaration ☐ Executed ☒ Unexecuted
 - ☐ Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional application only)
- ☒ Power of Attorney ☐ Executed ☒ Unexecuted
 - ☐ Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional application only)
- ☐ Incorporation By Reference -- The entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under the above entry, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- ☐ Computer Program in Microfiche (Appendix)

Accompanying Application Parts

- ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheets & documents(s))
 - ☐ The prior application is assigned of record to _____
 - ☐ Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional application only)
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (when there is an assignee)
- ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)

- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of _ IDS Cited Reference(s)
☐ Preliminary Amendment
☒ Acknowledgment postcard
☒ Certificate of Mailing by Express Mail
☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
☒ Application Data Sheet
☒ Request for Non-Publication of Application Under 37 CFR 1.213(a).

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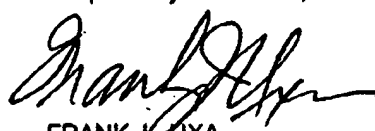
* The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended by the accompanying preliminary amendment noted above.

- ☒ Small entity status is entitled to be asserted for this application.

CLAIMS AS FILED.					
For	#Filed	#Allowed	#Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	17	- 20 =		X \$9.00	\$.00
Independent Claims	3	- 3 =		X \$43.00	\$.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$ 0.00
BASIC FEE					\$.00
OTHER FEE (specify purpose) FEE ASSIGNMENT RECORDATION					\$.00
(Applicant has small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27) SMALL ENTITY STATUS					YES
TOTAL FILING FEE					\$.00

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ 00 to cover the filing fee and the assignment fee is enclosed.
☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account Number _____ as described below.
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THE ENCLOSED PATENT APPLICATION OF PFLUEGER IS BEING
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MAIL AND SHOULD BE ACCORDED A FILING DATE:

December 30, 2003

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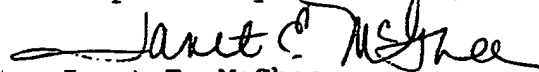
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1. Application Transmittal;
2. Application;
3. Drawings (informal);
4. Declaration (unsigned);
5. Application Data Sheet;
6. Request for Non-Publication; and
7. Return receipt postcard.

The 7 above-identified documents are enclosed herewith.

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REQUEST FOR NON-PUBLICATION OF APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR 213(a)

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests that the above-identified application, filed concurrently herewith, **NOT BE PUBLISHED** under 35 USC 122(b). In making this request, applicant certifies that the invention disclosed in the application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at 18 months after filing.

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